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1. A US REVIEW OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) CONCERNING THE SHARED USE OF THE US DSCS PHASE II ATLANTIC SATELLITE AND UK AND NATO EARTH TERMINALS, I.E., THE US/UK/NATO QUID PRO QUO 1975 MOU, HAS BEEN CONDUCTED. ON THE BASIS OF THIS REVIEW, THE US RECOMMENDS: A) DECLASSIFICATION OF THE BASIC MOU AND ITS RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC; B) RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC OF ANNEX D - OPERATING CONTROL PROCEDURES (NATO UNCLASSIFIED) OF THE MOU; C) RETENTION OF THE NATO CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR ANNEXES A, B, C AND E OF THE MOU AND NOT RELEASING THEM TO THE PUBLIC. THESE ANNEXES CONTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING A MILITARY OPERATIONS PLAN REFLECTING SUCH INFORMATION AS TERMINAL CHARACTERISTICS AND LOCATIONS, CIRCUITRY, LINK CAPACITIES, POWER ALLOCATIONS, FREQUENCY AND BANDWIDTH ASSIGNMENTS, SPREAD SPECTRUM, ETC.

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2. THE MOU IS CLASSIFIED NATO CONFIDENTIAL, THEREFORE THE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DECISION AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION TO

DOWNGRADE THE NATO CLASSIFICATION OF THE MOU RESTS WITH
NATO. REQUEST NATO ACTION TO DETERMINE DOWNGRADING
(DECLASSIFICATION) AND RELEASABILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

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